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**Subject:** Fwd: Urgent request - about the homeless food truck  
**Date:** May 11, 2016 at 3:11 AM JST  
**To:** Daniel Park daniel.park@lacity.org

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**From:** Alek  
**Date:** Mon, May 9, 2016 at 8:21 PM  
**Subject:** Urgent request - about the homeless food truck  
**To:** david.ryu@lacity.org

Dear Councilman:

I am writing to you in deep concern of spiked homelessness and crime at the La Brea Ave and Santa Monica Blvd area. The problem is in large due to the stubborn **Greater West Hollywood Food Coalition (GWHFC)** food truck that keeps feeding homeless and transients.

The problem is, this so-called "coalition" has been attracting more and more transients - including drug addicts and criminals - to the area. For years (!) the City has received pleas from local residents to ban the truck from bringing food daily. Unfortunately, to no avail.

As a result, crime has spiked in the area (there was recently a community meeting in Hollywood - with police officers - to address the increased crime problem). It has become an unsafe place not only to live near, but also to walk, as harassments and attacks has become a daily routine. Just a week ago, I was nearly attacked by one of the transients - who trespassed our apartment complex property. This is criminal trespassing.

**It is time for the City to put an end to this ridiculous, senseless action of the Greater West Hollywood Food Coalition - once and for all! The food truck must be gone, for good!**

Please let me know how this situation progress, and when can we expect the ban to take place.

Thank you!  
~ Alexander F.,  
*local resident, advocate.*

P.S. Please don't get me wrong: I generally sympathize the homeless - especially those who have ended-up on streets beyond their will. I also frequently donate. **However**, the homelessness in the instant case comprises of the vast majority of transients who are drug addicts, alcoholics, and criminals! What GWHFC is doing is creating more harm than good. Or, on other words - a clear example of "The road to **hell** is paved with best intentions".

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Thank You,

David E. Ryu  
Councilmember  
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**From:** David Ryu david.ryu@lacity.org  
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**From:** Jim Altschuler  
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The following are just a few of the inputs that we have received from Hollywood and Wilshire Division residents regarding the presence of the "Food Truck". They collectively express the strong desire that this problem-causing "assistance for the homeless" be removed to a site that won't impact residents – perhaps an area that is predominantly, or even exclusively, industrial. As the situation stands, the police and sheriff's departments are carrying the additional burden created by the Food Truck's presence and the residents are dealing with the illegal activities perpetrated by many of the people attracted by the Food Truck.

**Your help is required to resolve this situation.** The Police/Sheriff don't make the laws, just enforce them; they can't make the truck leave the area. As indicated below residents have been trying to get the City to do something about this problem for years. You need to look into this problem and act to correct it promptly.

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#### SKID ROW WEHO - move the FOOD TRUCK

Luke Fitzgerald from Hollywood South Fountain

5 years ago in an attempt to mediate the dangerous situation caused by the food line. You can see that they had quite a few meetings with the results being one big fat ZERO.

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We must fight to remove <http://gwhfc.org/> The Greater West Hollywood Food Truck. It



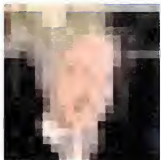
brings every criminal in town when the weather is warm. I have called the founder and he said "YOU FIND A NEW PLACE THAT WILL TAKE ALL THE RIFF RAFF AND i WILL MOVE". I showed him photos of what the neighborhood looks like after the truck leaves. He doesn't care, he has made a great living on the corporate ... View more money and now lives in Beverly Hills!

[Val Wolf](#) from Hollywood South Fountain

He told me the same thing 10+ years ago. He also told me "no one told you to buy a house in this area" , not knowing that. Our property has been in the family for more than 65 years.

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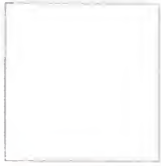


[Michael Filson](#) from Hollywood South Fountain

I'm all for moving that feeding line out of our neighborhood. Has done nothing but create problems for the residents. Let me know how we can get involved.

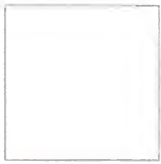






Heather Losik from Hollywood South Fountain

Thank you for this post. All of us (residents) at 846-848 N. Sycamore Ave. will do anything and everything to be a part of getting rid of the homeless food truck. Let us know how we can help to get this out of our neighborhoods. This has been an ongoing problem for all of us here and we are fed up!



Kathleen Taylor from Hollywood Santa Monica

Yes, we've been complaining and asking for help from LAPD on this issue since 2010. Nothing has changed. The new developments with upscale apartments and classy retail spaces will send them all away in time, I HOPE!

☐ **Michael Filson, Hollywood South Fountain**

Perhaps some protesting at the location, getting the media involved, showing the trash and feces they leave behind. That might start something!! I'm all for it...I see people in my neighborhood that were in this line, just loitering, using the bushes for their bathrooms...Disgusting! If this is the West Hollywood Food Coalition, perhaps, they should move over to WeHo!!

All of you councilmen are represented by residents who have continued this complaint without response or assistance. We believe that your coordination with the West Hollywood City Council will certainly be able to resolve these problems. Thank you for your time, consideration and assistance.

Jim Altschuler







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